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Sasakawa USA to Launch Japan-U.S. Military Program (JUMP) for Americans Who Have Served in Japan

WASHINGTON, D.C.: April 29th marks an historic event in the U.S.-Japan relationship. In addition to featuring Japanese Prime Minister Abe at Sasakawa USA's Second Annual Security Forum, Sasakawa USA will launch a global initiative that will link U.S. armed forces in a more personal way. Called the Japan-U.S. Military Program (JUMP), this initiative will unite past and present service members, families and government civilians who have served in Japan.

"At Sasakawa USA, we work to increase understanding of U.S.-Japan relations," said Admiral Dennis Blair. "We engage a variety of audiences on this topic through new programming, including U.S. military who have served in Japan – a group that has an incredibly unique perspective on the relationship."

Through social networks and regional events, JUMP will build relationships and provide opportunities for service members to engage with one another, share their experiences in Japan, and participate in programs on U.S.-Japan relations. The JUMP website [www.JUMPProgram.org] will feature regular updates on events and regional networking opportunities, blogs to share experiences, and will also promote a variety of ways to connect with each other through social media extensions on LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.